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The Editor Visits The Annual Chrysanthemum Show At New York

When we think of New York City most of us have a vision of sky-scrapers and a mob of fashionably dressed people rushing hither and thither all the time, to Fifth avenue stores, Wall street, or some extravagant social function.

But if you had stood in line with me, with thousands, four deep, one afternoon patiently waiting to get into the Museum of Natural History, where the Show was held this Fall, you would change your idea, for you would have discovered that even in this great city there is growing up the same love and reverence for flowers as among us who live in the country. And all sorts of people were there, those assisted from their cars by liveried chauffeurs mingling with others who had trudged many a mile to feast their eyes on the huge "Mums" on exhibition within. As I entered the building I was face to face with a mass of Chrysanthemums trained and wired into varied forms and simply hidden beneath a weight of color, flowers so numerous that to count the number on a single plant was almost impossible. One tiny yellow-flowered plant represented a chair. But we were more interested in flowers than fancy creations.

I shall speak of some of the things I saw as I rambled along, forced to hurry by the continually lengthening line outdoors. Next came a lot of the most gorgeous and curiously formed and colored Orchids I had ever seen, and Cypripediums, the Lady Slipper and Moccasin Flower, which you all know are hardy Orchids, in yellows and greens. And the Ferns were lovely, many of them hugely large, and in forms I had not dreamed of.

A splash of red caught my eye and when I was able to reach it I found an Anthericum Andraeanum Hybrid. Anyone who has an especial fondness for red flowers would enjoy this stunning beauty from Africa.

I may as well confess that I had never before attended this great Flower Show, and I was far too overwhelmed by the magnitude of the exhibition to write for you a more or less detailed description. If it is my privilege, as I feel it my duty, to be there next year, I shall try to do better.

Among the various Chrysanthemums Claire, a pompon, immediately appealed to me; it was so white and dainty. And along side of it was Britton Rose, a very lovely pink flower. In the "single" section I particularly liked Bronze Molly, a fascinating bronze, having a yellow center. You see I am gradually leading up to the Giants, and one of the giantest of the Giants was Yellow Turner, so full, and so perfect. Louis Pockett seemed to me the finest of the Chrysanthemum, and I think my opinion shared in by the majority of "laymen" present, because the crowd was wild in its adoration of these two flowers, and they formed the most nearly every exhibit.

And last, I think, was the best of the lavender-colored flowers, and as a Thanksgiving

Day decoration we might well choose Fire Stone, the outside of the petals light buff and the inside dark, deep, pinkish brown, a tremendously large, and very beautiful flower.

Mrs. Calvin Coolidge Rose was on exhibition. It is yellow, the center a deeper tone; I liked it at once, and was rather pleased that the officials confirmed my judgement by awarding it a Certificate of Merit.

I passed rather hurriedly over the numberless Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, Cactus, Roses, Carnations, etc., because I was there particularly to see the Chrysanthemums, and to tell you about them, so I joined the crowd at the door and saw them all over again, and continued to admire until the closing bell rang, and once more we had to distribute ourselves over the great city, that I left to return to Lapark with a more charitable feeling of its "natives" than I had ever had before. What appealed to me most at the show was to find so many florists engaged so earnestly and conscientiously in helping, for they cannot create, to provide conditions under which each lovely flower could show forth its thanksgiving in greater beauty to elevate our souls to Him who made them. Editor.

A NEW YEAR

Please, may I wish every reader of the Floral Magazine a happy, contented, joyous New Year. Most of us have visited together through these pages for twelve good months, and are bravely setting out in a new year; may it see the realization of thoughts each one may have to make life happier, more useful, not simply to ourselves, but for our neighbors as well. Editor.

IN PRAISE OF STATELY DELPHINIUMS

Dear Floral Friends. I would like to tell you about my beautiful Delphiniums, or hardy Larkspur. I had never made their acquaintance until the past Summer, as I had always been partial to red flowers. The year before I had bought a packet of seed of mixed colors, and succeeded in raising a number of thrifty plants that lived through the Winter without any protection, and began to bloom in June, with some of the loveliest shades of blue and lavender I had ever seen. Hereafter I will not consider my garden complete without Delphiniums. Will say in conclusion that I often get much pleasure by ordering flower seeds and plants of mixed colors, as it is interesting to look for new colors every day.

Mrs. Rosie Quarles, Va.

TO BEATRICE

Old Santa Claus got tired out,
I think disengaged, too,
So he went and turned his reindeers out
'Ere I had sent my mite to you.
'Tis late, yes, very, very late,
But it's freighted with love that's true,
And a prayer that blessings rich and rare
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LITTLE BROWN BULB

(Reprinted by Request)

O little brown bulb, now tell me,
If ever below,
While cozily dreaming you waken
To hear the winds blow,
Little brown bulb?

O little brown bulb, are you weary,
In your sodden bed?
While the wail of Winter is dreary
The sun's overhead,
Little brown bulb?

And little brown bulb, will you tell me
How you fashion your flowers,
Without needle and thread or a pattern,
All thro' the dark hours,
Little brown bulb?

O little brown bulb, you are sleeping,
I hear no replies;
Dream on till the voice of the Springtime
Shall bid you arise,
Little brown bulb.

S. Minerva Boyce

Washington Co., Vt., Nov 2, 1901.

A TIMELY GARDEN HINT

Having read Parks Floral Magazine for the last 30 years, seems I owe returns to the others for so much help in gardening.

Have grown flowers under many conditions, from the rainy coast country to these semi-arid, wind swept plains.

But my garden this year has called forth the greatest admiration of any I ever had, not that the flowers themselves were so extraordinary, but the massed effect was so unusual.

From two to six rows, nearly 100 feet long, of each variety made a splendid showing.

Where one row calls for a pleased comment, half a dozen rows close together make every body take notice, even those who usually do not care especially for flowers.

The back yard garden should never be slighted, as that is where the busy woman spends most of her time and the flowers rest one, when tired.

Last Spring I had at least one thousand from the earliest, dwarf sorts, in edge borders, to the latest, tall, bearded iris in center of beds, and in borders, with as many of the best in Tulips, as well as in Narcissus and Hyacinths, the gardens were well worth seeing.

But it was the Annuals that were in densest masses, as there was plenty of space and seed is cheap, with more rain than we ever had before, the results were splendid.

From the earliest Spring bulbs to the last Chrysanthemum, try to have them massed, all your space and pocket book can stand, and know real satisfaction, in both possessing and giving, for in giving to those that could not otherwise have them, lies the greatest source of pleasure.

Mrs. Stewart, Wyo.

DO YOU KNOW GERANIUM MADAME JAULIN?

Amongst my collection of both double and single Geraniums, Madame Jaulin is my favorite. It is an abundant bloomer, both Winter and Summer, its lovely, double blossoms, colored like apple blossoms, are very beautiful, and the plant is dwarf and bushy, the foliage large and strong; altogether it is a Geranium that should be in every collection.

Mrs. H. McKee, O.



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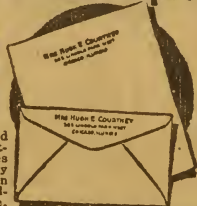
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LaPark, Pennsylvania.

THE LESSER BULBS

IN this planting time, when we are preparing for next season's bloom by setting out all the Bulbs we can acquire, it is interesting to consider what a bulb really is. Of course, we may know practically without being able at a moment's notice to state accurately the distinctions between bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes. Then among true bulbs, there are two kinds, the tunicated, in which thickened, fleshy leaves are closely rolled around each other, for example, onion, tulip, daffodil, snowdrop and many others. Then the scaly bulb in which the leaves overlap in a spiral fashion; the bulbs of lilies are the most interesting scaly bulbs. Of corms, or solid bulbs, the crocus and the gladiolus are best known. The corm differs from a true

are no more roots than the blade of grass is a root, in which the ear of corn forms before it shoots up."

"Subterranean palaces and vaulted cloisters." Isn't this well worth thinking of as we buy bulbs by the dozen or hundred, with the life, and even the flower, already hidden within to rejoice our hearts in the coming Spring?

Perhaps we should think of the snowdrop first among the smaller bulbs as it is the earliest bloomer. This brave little blossom ought to be seen in every garden for it comes when we are so hungry for flowers and so weary of Winter. It is, moreover, easier to establish than the Winter aconite, which is its only real rival as an outdoor, early bloomer.



bulb not only in being solid instead of showing compacted leaves but also in dying and being succeeded each year by a new corm, while bulbs live on. The crocus we put in the ground this Fall will only last through 1924, and employ the Summer in forming a new corm on top of the old one for the growth and bloom of the following year.

There is a delightful passage in Ruskin's discussion of root-functions which every bulb-lover ought to know. Ruskin seems not read much at present so I will quote it here:

"Secondly, of Roots Refuges: As flowers growing on trees have to live for some time, when they are young, in their buds, so some flowers growing on the ground have to live for awhile, when they are young, in what we call their roots ***** A baby crocus has literally its own little dome—domus, or duomo—within which, in early Spring, it lives a delicate, convent life of its own, quite free from all worldly care and dangers, exceedingly ignorant of things in general, but itself brightly golden and perfectly formed before it is brought out. These subterranean palaces and vaulted cloisters, which we call bulbs,

The snowdrop will grow anywhere and for anyone. Those English gardeners who can, apparently, get anything in plant line from sources quite beyond our reach, talk of many sorts of snowdrops, some without the dainty green dots which, I think, only add to the beauty of the flower; some with yellow markings, and all sorts of named varieties. But in America only two kinds are known, *Galanthus nivalis* and the larger *Galanthus elwesii*. Of these the later will make the best group, and as with all the small flowers, should be planted in mass. It will grow under trees in the grass. It is important to plant as early as the bulbs can be secured, as they suffer from being out of the ground. The Winter aconite and the fritillarias share with the snowdrop this resentment at being kept around waiting when they want to get to work establishing themselves for next season, and one may lose the bloom, or even the bulb, from gross delay. What the bulb dealers urge us to do in ordering our bulbs in advance, so that they may be delivered to us as soon as they arrive from Holland, is based on good sense and our own best interest.

Almost everyone knows the snowdrop well, but the *eranthus* (Winter aconite) is seldom seen. One gardening manual says the aconite cannot be established permanently unless it is taken direct from the ground in one garden and transferred to the ground in another. This would destroy all hopes of success for where in this country can it be found growing? I have only seen it in two places and neither of them had it for sale. No, we have



ERANTHUS

to buy imported bulbs; and the best one can do when the precious package comes is to jump up (leaving dinner untasted on the table, if need be), and set the arrivals in the bed without a moment's delay. So, of course, the place for the bulbs should be selected and the soil prepared before they are due to arrive. The aconite has distinctive foliage, and strikes a different note when set among the other early bloomers. The yellow blossom is surrounded by a green frill one sees nowhere else; it almost looks like a paper frill to decorate a chop. Children are fascinated by it. I wonder if it can be grown in the house in pots? If anyone has had experience with forcing it, please let other readers of *Parks Floral Magazine* know the result.

Before going on to chat about the other "little bulbs," I want to make some suggestions about locations for planting them. Too little thought seems given to this important matter. They are all plants of low growth,



and comparatively small blooms. They cannot make the bold effects we achieve with the tulip, the narcissus and the hyacinth.

But they are beautiful. They need consideration in two respects to make the ordinary observer realize their beauty. The first is mass planting; the second is proper setting, backgrounds and carpetings.

If one can plant them in warm, sheltered spots within sight of living-room windows,

in drifts of yellow and purple crocus, of blue and white grape hyacinths, of scillas and glory-of-the-snow mingled and seen with dwarf evergreens beyond them, that makes a picture worth having. Scillas may be grown under evergreen trees, planted five or six inches deep. But it would not be well to try the other bulbs in a position where so few things flourish. I like them planted under or among shrubs and deciduous trees. The earliest kinds come before the fruit trees bloom, but the grape hyacinth is a contemporary of the blooming plums, and I have it under one which is a cloud of white. This Fall I have planted a mass of the variety, "Heavenly Blue," under a plum tree, setting bulbs in lines radiating from the trunk base. In a few years that will be an intoxicating sight. I want to find a suitable flower to grow under the double flowering peach trees I have. I will take notes this Spring which of them is gracious enough to coincide in time with the peaches.

These small bulbs are not injured, and, perhaps, may be benefited by a growing covering, a carpet, of some shallow-rooted plant to cover the bare earth through which they thrust their flowers. There are many charming "carpeters" which may be tried, but I think none can be more beautiful than the evergreen creepers.

For ease in growing and general adaptability I can think of nothing better than the common vine, (Periwinkle or Trailing Myrtle). It is a beautiful thing in itself with its blue flowers and shining leaves. Think how much prettier crocuses would look thrusting their cups up among the long myrtle sprays which would make the chosen spot green after the bulb had bloomed, and indeed,

all the year around. For those who live in the country and can transplant it from the woods the partridge berry vine might be tried as a ground cover. Another taller growing evergreen ground cover is the Japanese spurge, *Pachysandra terminalis*, now being very largely used for covering graves as it does not brown in Winter as the English ivy so frequently does. This plant is so easily increased one could readily raise a large stock for covering bulb beds. I have not yet tried it for the purpose, but do not see why it should not be so used. English ivy is entirely hardy with me and the leaf, I consider, much prettier. Snowdrops would be lovelier than ever peeping out from ivy leaves. There are many other cover plants that will occur to the mind of experienced gardeners; the creeping

phloxes, which, a little after bulbs bloom, are themselves sheets of bloom; Snow-in Summer, (*cerastium*) arabis, *sedum album*, *thymus lanuginosus*, any, indeed, of the pretty creeping and trailing plants of the garden may be tried for this purpose.

Returning to the bulbs themselves, let us consider for a moment the kinds of crocuses. There are English gardeners who have, as one of them himself expresses it, "croco-



CROWN IMPERIAL

mania," and send to all parts of the world for rare species, and then raise seedlings in myriads. Very few of the crocus species seem to reach the United States. *Crocus imperati* is a wild species, and very early. *Crocus Susianus* follows it closely in time of flowering and is probably the earliest one now obtainable. It is a glowing yellow and planted in mass is a bit of sunshine from the window



CHIONODOXA

when the air is still cold outside. There are many named sorts among the garden varieties. If one just selects the color desired and buys by color a good effect can be obtained at less cost even than buying named kinds, but I confess I like to get named sorts.

The *chionodoxa* is charming in blue. Both sardensis and lucillae are necessary to a collection.

I always think of the scillas as blue because I have had *scilla siberica* for years and it is quite at home in my garden under an apple tree. It seeds with me and the seed germinate well, but often it scatters before I can gather it and becomes self-sown. That would be quite satisfactory if it were not that such small seedlings have poor chance of ever reaching maturity unless they are raised carefully in boxes. Of course I know there are other colors among the scillas. I have *scilla campanulata*, the wood hyacinth. I think it is best in the blue shade. My pinks were not the exact tint to suit me. But it is pleasant to have them in all three colors. They can be grown in pots, as the crocus is, and make



SCILLA

a pleasing change from the ordinary pot of bulbs.

Years ago I used to walk to school in early Spring past an old garden where a stately mass of Crown imperial adorned a garden bed. I have never seen this rare old plant since, and have wondered if I should ever own a specimen myself. It is back in the catalogues again and I mean to seize the op-

portunity of possessing it in spite of its evil odor. Handsome as it undeniably is its fragrance is that of the luxuriant wild plant of marshes which has the unlovely name of skunk cabbage. The crown imperial, *fritillaria imperialis*, is a relative of the lilies, as the form of flower shows. It comes in bloom early in April and is the tallest of the early, bulbous plants. Mrs. Wilder, in her valuable book "My Garden," has a suggestion I want to pass on:

"Ruskin speaks of the perfume of a flower as its soul, and it would seem a worthy task for some patient missionary hybridist to take in hand the terrible soul of *fritillaria imperialis*."

There are other fritillarias, and among them the curious checker lily, guineahen flower, snakeshead fritillaria. A very graceful plant with nodding lily bell on a slender stem. *Fritillaria meleagris alba*, the pure white form, is a lovely thing. It likes a moist, shady spot and grows about a foot tall. I have it planted in the bed with rhododendrons and mountain laurel, a pet bed of my garden in sight from the living-room window. The soil is rich with leaf mould, and the bed is well shaded. Here too I am planting the



ERYTHRONIUM

California forms of our native adder's tongue, dog's-tooth violet (*Erythroniums*), *Hendersoni*, lavender, revolutum, white and lavender *Johnsonii*, rose-pink. Bulbs of the regal lily go in the same bed, and I am certainly anxious to see the effect when the whole planting reaches maturity. I cannot expect very great things from it next year. I think the fritillarias will like the location. They grow wild in English meadows, especially those about Oxford, which are sometimes overflowed by the river Cherwell. The poet Matthew Arnold refers to it as doubtless he often saw it there blooming by the thousand:

"I know the wood which hides the daffodil,
I know the Fyfield tree,
I know what white, what purple fritillaria
The grassy harvest of the river-fields
Above by Ensham, down by Sanford, yields."

Miss Amelia H. Botsford.

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Who does not love the dainty, sweet bloom of the Lily of the Valley, the cream-colored, tiny bell-flowers, in their loose leaf cup of foliage, are so cool and fragrant. Clumps may be lifted and brought into the house for window bloom—in a cool north window—filling the room with fragrance. They are a very desirable, hardy plant and should be in the collection of every flower lover.

Mrs. McKee, Ohio.

Dear Floral Friends: I see several have ask in the Magazine if Hyacinths, Tulips and Narcissus that had been used for house blooming one season would bloom the second season. So I thought perhaps my experience would help some one. I find they will grow and make nice foliage but no blooms the second in the house. But I bed my Hyacinths and Tulips out after they are through blooming in the house and the coldest weather has past, disturbing the roots as little as possible, and let nature care for them, and they bloom beautifully out side the next year, and every year thereafter. Paper Whites and Roman

Hyacinths I bed out the same way but they do not bloom the next year, but will multiply and make new bulbs that bloom beautifully out side in a few years; it takes them from two to four years to bloom out side after forcing in the house, but they are worth waiting for. So all of you who live where the climate is not too severe just try them; they can stand more cold than you think they can. I have seen mine covered with ice or frozen stiff in dry, cold weather while in bloom and it did not seem to hurt them. And they make a beautiful bed and the blooms are as pretty and as many on a stem as those forced in the house. I have some that bloom each year that I forced in pebbles and water, and others that

I grew in pots of soil and I can not tell any difference. So it is a mistake to think those grown in water will not recover their vitality out side in a mild climate.

I also thought Paper Whites and Roman Hyacinths very tender and had no idea they would be hardy in our climate, so only grew them for house culture one season and discarded them.

Black Flies in pot plants are easy to eradicate by watering your plants with lime water, by putting one pint of quick lime in a quart full of water, stir well, let settle and

drain off the clear liquid. Let soil in your pots get almost dry then water with the lime water as warm as you can use it without injuring your plants till it runs freely from the drainage hole at bottom of pot. If the flies are not all gone in two weeks water them again the same way. One application is generally sufficient if the lime is good and strong. They breed in soil that is charged with acid and the lime sweetens the sour soil and will also make plants thrive and grow. No plant will do well in sour soil very long. It does not seem to do much good to repot a plant when the flies are bad among my plants for

they delight in crowding down in the nice, loose, fresh soil, and depositing their eggs, so a freshly potted plant is soon infested worse than the old one was.

For mealy bugs I make a strong suds of common laundry soap and mix a table-spoonful (or more of kerosene oil to a gallon of suds and wash the infested plants clean, rubbing off all their webs. A small brush is best to wash a plant with. I make the plants a perfect lather of soap then water the soil in pots with the remainder. Let suds remain on plants a while then wash in clean water. Some times two or three applications are needed to get rid of them, but one application once a week for two or three weeks will entirely eradicate them from any

plant. I use the soap suds and kerosene to rid my plants of lice or aphids, and lots of other insect pests but I do not make the suds quite so strong and wash or shower the plants well and leave it on them. I wash them about every two or three days until the aphids are all gone. I also water plants with the suds and kerosene to drive ants away when they trouble my plants, and they soon hunt a new home.

Mrs. D. A. Riddle, Texas.



PAPER WHITE NARCISSUS]

January is an "off" month; good time to study seed catalogues and make plans for Spring.

A BIT OF CHEER

We see some people worried,
For mishap has come their way,
And I hasten now to tell 'em
Trials never come to stay.
I've been on the stormy billows
Which turned to calmer sea,
Witnessed gales, even a tornado,
Then the sun came smilingly.
And in it all there comes a lesson,
Though the wind be sorely vexed,
After trials something better,
Joy is on the program next.

Albert E. Vassai

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends: I am afraid my contribution will sound like the after dinner speaker who said:

"I don't know of anything I can add to what has already been said," and then he prosed along indefinitely, repeating words minus ideas.

The little Floral Magazine first came to me about 1890. I had never owned a garden or a plant, had always been a lover of flowers but still had no garden till 1907, all the time enviously eying the roses just over the fence, faded blossoms retrieved from castaway bouquets, neglected ones in cemeteries, and the glorious ones at the flower-stands.

At last I had a garden, or a place to plant one, and the little Floral Magazine taught me all I knew of gardening, which was so little that I dug up the first Crinum I owned to throw it away, thinking it was dead when it was only dormant.



PENTSTEMON

At that time there was no law against our receiving plants by mail in California, and many a dollar's worth I purchased from the "Pick Them Out" List. I had the handsomest bed I ever saw of Hyacinths and Tulips from those collections. By degrees I acquired all the Narcissus and Iris, and every rose listed; also the shrubs and various other things.

Numberless surprises and delights came to me through experiments with these plants and seeds, and many pleasing acquaintances have I made through the Exchange Column.

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On the shady side of the tall house there is a bed of variegated foliage, with gold and silver enonymus, privet, hydrangea, etc., with silverleaf thyme for an edge, interplanted with columbine.

For the last five months I have been rearranging my garden according to a color scheme, after reading, "Color in the Garden" by Wilder, and await the result in fear and trembling, wondering if I will find 57 varieties of pink using violent language at their nearness, or whether my combination of magenta with sky-blue and pale buff against a wall covered with bougainvillea and solanum wendlandii will be too close to the other blues and purples.

Before I take my leave, I want to ask why some of the Floral readers and writers do not become enthusiastic over pentstemons? They are perennial, easy to grow, have a beautiful range of color and a very long-blooming season. Also will someone who knows how, please tell me why I can not grow gladiolus from seed? Not a single one can I get though I have no trouble with perennials.

Did I hear someone say "Here's your hat! must you go?" Well I'm gone.

Pentstemon, Calif.

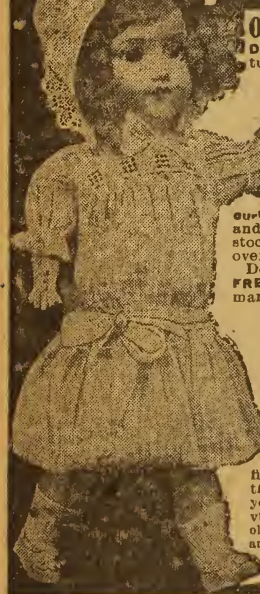
LATE PLANTED BULBS

Two years ago, at Christmas time, a box of bulbs arrived by parcel post. There were a number of named Narcissus, some mixed Tulips and some Hyacinths. There was a quantity of good potting soil in the cellar, and so those fine, plump, named Narcissus were quickly and carefully planted in good sized jars, putting 3 in each jar, then watered and set in a dark screen cupboard for roots to form. The Hyacinths received the same treatment and then the problem of caring for the Tulips remained. Outside was the frozen ground covered with several inches of snow, and no bed prepared to tuck them in. Some Peonies had been taken up in the fall, however, and a sizable hollow remained unfilled. Here I swept the snow away, put in a two inch layer of potting soil from the store laid by in the cellar, set in the bulbs, and covered them as best I could with the remaining soil, coal ashes, chaff and corn stalks, and left them to Mother Natures kindly care. The litter was left on rather late in the Spring so as to give them plenty of time to form roots, and the bulbs were certainly none the worse for their late planting. Red Tulips vied with yellow ones and pink with white. They brightened the corner of the lawn for days, and this Spring repeated the performance.

The Narcissus and Hyacinths bloomed beautifully at Easter time, and being choice varieties, were watered and cared for until the foliage ripened and dried, when the well cured bulbs were put away until September, and then planted in the outdoor border, where they will soon multiply, and blossom as finely as before. Plant bulbs early, and also plant them late, with equal assurance of success, has been my pleasant experience on more than one occasion. Evelyn W. Brooker, N. Y.

Poinsettias sold in pots at Christmas may be used again the next year by resting awile and then keeping warm and moist in a sunny place. Belle Bailey, Iowa.

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Beneath a rose-tree sleeping lay,
That spirit to whose charge is given
To bathe young buds in dew of heaven
Awakening from his light repose,
The angel whispered to the rose:
"O, loveliest object of my care,
Still fairest found, where all are fair;
For the sweet shade thou givest me
Ask what thou wilt, 'tis granted thee."
"Then," said the rose, with deepened glow
"On me another grace bestow."
The spirit paused in silent thought,
What grace was there that flower had not.
Twas but a moment—or the rose
A veil of moss the angel throws,
And robed in nature's simplest weed,
Could there a flower that rose exceed!

Selected.

AN ANSWER — CANNA ROOTS

Dear Schneewitchen: I dig my Canna roots very carefully after the tops have been killed by the frost, taking great pains not to injure the roots, I put them in the cellar on a bench, or board, where no one will touch them, and cover with as much soil as possible, then I divide in the Spring before planting them, just as I do with Caladium; other bulbs are not so sensitive as to handling.

If you wish Hyacinths to bloom really early, let one-third of the bulb remain above the soil in the pot, just like your Amaryllis and Crinum.

Don't give your double white Narcissus too rich soil, you will get all leaves and no flowers. Lilies can stand it as rich as you can give it, only don't give liquid fertilizer.

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Now that out door garden work is practically at an end, there is much that can be done on paper that will have a direct influence on the ultimate success of the summer garden. As good resolutions are in order, resolve now to keep a record of the garden work from month to month. In the garden book made a plan of the garden, locating the beds, borders, paths, shrubbery and trees. Note proposed improvements and additions if any are to be made.

Study the pages of the fascinating seed catalogues, and select with due thought the seeds, bulbs and plants that will be required to carry out the plan as outlined. After providing for old favorites, if garden space and purse permit, purchase a few alluring novelties to try out. The joy of anticipation will more than compensate should the new things fail to live up to your "great expectations."

With the lengthening of the days, plants will require more water, because of increased evaporation. To keep plants from becoming lop-sided turn them so that the same side will not always be exposed to the sun. Keep the plants free of dust and insects by syringing them with tobacco, tea or soapy water. Most growing plants will be benefitted by an occasional application of liquid manure.

Look over garden tools, and have them put in good order. Make flower boxes, trellises, flower stakes, and bird houses while there is time for this sort of work. If new equipment will be needed, make a note of the things required, and be sure to send out your order, and that for seeds, plants and bulbs at an early date. Before the Spring rush seedsmen have an opportunity to fill orders leisurely and more carefully. Besides the stocks are more complete now.

Bertha Berbert Hammond, N. Y.

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There were over one hundred of those tiny seedlings to reset, but some damped off, while others were given to friends. But what I kept were gorgeous in every color. The prettiest was a pale blue with a white, frilled edge.

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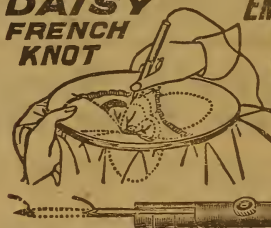
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Sleep, little flowers, and sweetly rest,
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 The night seems long, but God knows best,
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Yes indeed, the January catalogues have a wonderfully tonic effect! And we are unhurried enough that we may choose wisely and well; and they teach a wondrous lesson of Faith—Faith that "God's still in His Heaven, Alls right with the World." Though storms rage and the thermometer flirts with 30 degrees below.

Myrtle Wallace Martin, la.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Why do my Myrtles lose their leaves?—M. D., Wis.

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Dear Floral Friends: I was somewhat surprised to have forwarded to me, from my old home in Missouri, a letter from our good Editor, requesting an Article from my pen for our dear little Magazine, but giving me no subject. What shall I write about? My New Home? I have not been here long enough to know anything about raising flowers here, except to say, all you have to do is to stick a cutting in the ground—don't forget to water it—and before you could dream of such a thing, the new leaves shoot out, and, then the bud and flowers!

O—this is a wonderful country! Where I live I have a fine view of the mountains—seems like a half hours walk would take me there—but, Sunday, "old Lizzie" demonstrated the opposite. "Old Baldy," "Mt. Wilson," "Mt. Lane," are right out here in front of me. And I cannot tell you which holds me spell-bound the most, when they show clear-cut, and plain across the sky. When the blue haze hangs over them, or when the clouds drift over and half hide them from view. All are wonderful to me. Sometimes they are entirely hidden: I do not like that.

Orange Grove Avenue is renowned all over the World as the most beautiful street in Southern California. I live just half a block around the corner, and have driven through this Avenue several times, I can say truthfully, it lives up to its reputation. Beautiful homes, and what appeals to me more than the homes, beautiful grounds. Such lovely flowers, graceful vines, beautiful shrubbery, stately trees, it has never been my privilege to see. "Bushes gardens" are only a few blocks from my home. It would take half a life time to really see this wonderful spot, once, twice, yea—three times going there would only make a flower-lover hungry for more. One thing impresses me here, and that is the almost entire absence of fear on the part of the birds. The California law protects them I am told. When we water the lawn, they come in great flocks to bathe and drink.

In the center of my lawn is an immense Date Palm, ten feet at the base—as I look at its stately beauty, and think of the many long years back East I coaxed and petted the pesky things to grow in pots, I have to smile—and try to "see" this one, in a pot! What—it sure would make some of those "practical ones" sit up and take notice, when it was time to put it in for the Winter!

There is one thing I would like to tell you folks back there—especially some poor, tired, over-worked woman, who loves Sweet Peas, but dreads all that digging ditches—and other red tape thought necessary to have them—don't do it. For three years before I left there I sowed them in my vegetable garden, just as I would the eating variety, stuck them the same way—with brush, and had beauties, gathered great handful every day and filled bowls and vases for the house. Try it. Perhaps another little thing may help some, although not new to others, try putting a few dwarf Nasturtiums at the foot of your vines. You know how ragged and bare a vine looks around the bottom. A half-dozen Nasturtiums will relieve this. I also use them in my bulb beds, and as a "filler in" where other plants have died out, or, are not large enough to fill the beds yet.

Has any one tried the dish-rag gourd where she needs a vine? It is beautiful. The foliage, flower and fruit are all lovely. Can't say I care for them as a dish rag though.

I had trouble getting any bulbs started—the moles made runs, so convenient for the field mice to "come, eat and be merry," that I seldom had half a showing for what I planted, until I took some old tubs, persuaded the "practical one" to dig a hole deep enough to sink it in, fill in around it well, put drainage in bottom of the tub, filled it two-thirds full of good dirt, with plenty of sand, placed my bulbs the required distance apart, filled up the tub with more good dirt and sand, watered well, (once only) and oh, if you could have seen them the next Spring! I had four of them. Two full of Tulips, one of Hyacinths and one of Narcissus. O yes, I had one with Lilies, too—all were lovely, and as soon as it was warm enough I stuck seeds of Nasturtiums all among the plants so when the bulbs were through blooming I had good sized Nasturtiums getting ready for a long Summer of bloom.

Well, I expect you are tired of my chatter by now, so will say good-bye and wish you could all come out here and see what flowers really are. Hedges of Geraniums, Lantanas, Calla Lilies, and many others too numerous to mention; Fuchsias as big as our old Lilac bushes. O—well, if I wrote all night I couldn't tell you half! Mrs. A. J. Keller, California

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FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends: I am here again as usual to boost flowers and plants, as an aid to making our surroundings more attractive. No place is so poorly situated but that it could be made to look better, by a few flowers and plants even of the commonest kinds.

While on the other hand I have seen nice homes (or houses) where ragweed, wormwood, and several other varieties of weeds too numerous to mention, grew in rank profusion along side the house and out buildings.

When I see such unsightly things I cannot help thinking what a different picture it would make if but a single row of flowers was growing there in place of the weeds.

Especially if the grass was nicely clipped with a lawn mower, many people have automobiles who do not own a lawn mower.

A neatly kept lawn adds refinement to any home. If three kinds of flowers and plants were all I was permitted to grow, I think I would select the Salvia, Canna and Caladium,



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slow to germinate. Have also received good results by this method when sowing them in the open ground.

Caladiums are very slow to start, so I like to put them in an old bucket, cover with dirt and keep in a warm place in the house until growth is well started. After the leaves begin to unfold they grow rapidly. I have grown them that way over five feet in height and leaves over a yard long, in ground without fertilizer of any kind. Always keep them well watered.

Cannas are easily grown and almost take care of themselves from the start. My sym-

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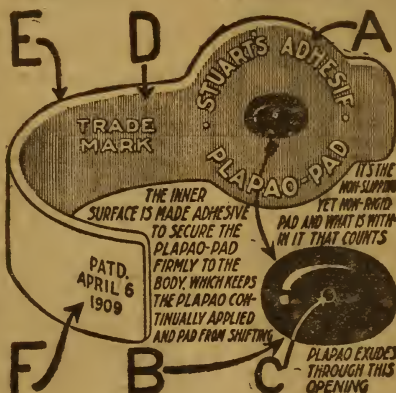
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pathy goes out to the flower lover who is physically unable to do the necessary work in order to have them, as doing the work is also a pleasure, as well as feasting on the beauties of the plants later. I always enjoy placing nice, fat bulbs in the ground in the Fall, knowing full well they will repay me a thousand fold in the Spring time. I greatly admire the brave little Crocus, even snow does not daunt it. The sweet smelling Hyacinth, the bright colored Tulip, all tell the same story, the glorious Spring-time is here.

Mrs. J. G. Archer, W. Va.

FLORAL REVERIES

(Continued from December)

"My love's an Arbutus by the borders of Lene,"
and
"On Carrigdhoun the heath is brown,"
and

"At her kenn the fairy-grass
Trembles on dun and barrow;
Round the foot of the ancient crosses
The rye-grass shakes and the foxglove swings;
In haunted glens the meadow-sweet
Flings to the night wind
Her mystic, mournful perfume;
The sad spear-mint by holy wells
Breathes melancholy balm."

Did you know that the Jack-in-the-Pulpit grew beneath the cross, and that the edge of its vase still retains the stains of blood,—

"A heritage, for storm or vernal shower
Never to pass away".

And have you heard that "she who wears lilacs will never be a bride"? Or that a "white Pentecost" (when the fruit trees are in bloom, as sometimes happens in belated seasons), signalizes the death of a virgin or child? Perhaps this superstition arises from Pentecost's other name, Whitsunday, which originated in the practice of receiving white-robed communicants into the church; but locally "white Pentecost" has received another meaning.

Bell Heather, Mich.



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Dear Floral Friends: Perhaps not everyone knows that Cinerarias can be started from cuttings. I did not until I learned through experience.

A lady had a lovely, large plant, and a sprout came up quite a little distance from the main plant, and she said I might have it, and as I understood plants better than she I should cut it, myself. I cut deeply, supposing of course it would have a root, but it did not. She said, take it along anyway. I brought it home and set it out and it never even wilted. I didn't think it would grow and it did not start growth for some time, but it is now growing nicely and perhaps by the time you read this it will be in bloom. I hope so, for I dearly love plants and flowers. Try this way of starting them sometime. I am informed that they die after blooming and must be started from seed. It seems that one could keep them and be more sure, from the cuttings than from seed. Wolverine, Mich.

Dear Floral Friends: I note recently in an Article on Lilies, the answers:

It has been my understanding that the term milk and wine lily, was applied to a variety of Crinum.

Also, that, Carrion flower was a term applied to the giant black Calla or Nile Lily; also known as Calla Aethiopia, sometimes called Buzzard-lily.

I would like to see a few items on "Honey-plant" or Bugloss, from some one who has them growing, or knows of them personally. Also of the old-time sweet-briar rose. Is it now extinct?

Does anyone know of a Salvia or Coleus with scented foliage? Unknown, of Nowhere.

Dear Floral Friends: In looking through the back numbers of Parks Floral Guide, I see that there were listed beside Asparagus Sprengeri and Asparagus Plumosus Nanus, Acutifolius, Robustus, vine; Bampiedi, Decurrens, a drooping sort; Spinosus, Scandens, Deflexus and Aternissimus. Flower people, let us start the ball rolling, and see how many of these very worthy plants we can find. I see that one firm lists Asparagus Falcatus, said to be hardy in Florida. It is a vining variety growing twenty to twenty-five feet in a season. This appears to be the same as the one called, "Hatcherii," in Arizona. This last is hardy, a robust vining sort with fairly large thorns; has the dark green coloring of Plumosus, but the foliage is in comparison, quite coarse.

Plumosus is inclined to grow as a vine, when allowed to go its own sweet way. This class of plants is worthy of more extensive cultivation, and I know you will be well repaid for your efforts, if you give them a trial.

Arizona.

DRY-GARDENING

(Continued from page 9)

low Iris plants. I have several other things to add in the Spring.

In closing, let me suggest to all "dry-gardeners," that you cultivate your plants with the hoe, or a small instrument of some kind, always as soon after a rain as the soil will permit. This helps to hold the moisture in the soil. Cultivation conserves moisture and I find it much easier than carrying water, for weeds will appear anyway, and by cultivation one "kills two birds with one hoe," as it were! Florence Hartman Townsend, Texas.

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There are two forms of rockeries. If one wishes to grow the dainty ferns and native wood's flowers the rockery should be placed in a cool, shady place. First spade the ground as large as you wish your rockery to be, then place stones (the size of a lamp shade or larger) every eight inches on the spaded ground, and then fill in with woods earth; or, if that cannot be procured, a mixture of rich garden soil and chip dirt will do quite as well. If old leaves can be added so much the better. Have the center of rockery six to eight inches high, the outer edge about four inches above the surrounding ground. Now all there is to do is to plant all the beautiful, little ferns and wild flowers you can get.

The other form of rock-gardening (and I think the most fascinating one) is the growing of alpine and high mountain plants. These require an altogether different soil and location. Select a spot in full sun, spade the ground and place stones the same as for the other form, then fill in around the stones with the following mixture: 2 parts good garden loam; 1 part humus, leaf mould or muck; 1 part crushed or small stones the size of marbels; 1 part slacked lime, old mortar or limestone crushed fine; 1 part sand or gravel; mix all thoroughly. But even if this mixture cannot be procured one need not go with out these choice plants, as many of them can be grown quite well in common soil with lime added. But they all must have perfect drainage.

If one will commence with a few alpines he will be so pleased it will become a hobby to collect these interesting and most fascinating little beauties, and after a little will have gathered a choice collection that people will come miles to enjoy.

I know by experience it adds a great deal to the joy of living, and also to ones health, to become deeply interested in something. Oh! the joy of receiving a package of plants you have never seen or heard of before, and to watch the formation of the beautiful flowers and foliage.

My advise to all flower lovers is to become bitten by the plant hobby bug and start collecting plants of all varieties, and of course do not forget the old-fashion perennials, for they are supposed to be with us always. Some of the more rare alpines are quite expensive, but a large number of them can be raised very easily from seeds. Perhaps sometime I will make out a list of the easily raised varieties with which I have had experience.

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In order to find out whether the results were lasting, Mr. Glascock waited six months before reporting on his test of the discovery. On this point he says:

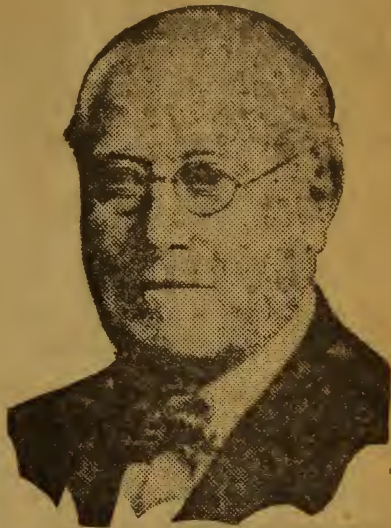
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THOMAS J. GLASCOCK

praises of thousands who suffered from nerve weakness, lost or depleted vigor, neurasthenia, premature age, impaired glandular activity and lack of animation and vital force. Its effects seem to be virtually the same on both young and old. Physicians say the principal active ingredient of the compound gives speedy satisfaction in obstinate cases that defy all other treatments. Elderly people pronounce the discovery a real "fountain of youth."

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. When is the best time to start a Century plant? How old is it when it blooms, and at what season does it bloom?—M E. B.

A. Young plants form in Summer; it must be one hundred years old and blooms at any season.—EDITOR.

Q. Can you tell me what is wrong with my Lace Fern? It does not grow and some branches are turning yellow.—O. L. S., Pa.

A. Repot in light, sandy soil; spray once daily with clean water, and stand in a shady place.—EDITOR.

Q. I would like information on preparation of soil for growing Carnations.—O. N., Oregon.

A. In greenhouse, use a compost of well rotted sod, old barnyard manure and garden soil, with just enough lime to whiten the surface.—EDITOR.

Q. How do you grow Grape-fruit from seed?—L. D. L., N. Y.

A. Just plant the seed an inch deep in a well drained flower pot.—EDITOR.

Q. I have a half-barrel of charcoal dust, would it be beneficial mixed in my little garden plot?—L. L., Wis.

A. Certainly good for it, not too thick.—EDITOR.

Q. When a little girl, I had a plant with cups or caps, and at its base two thorns. We called it "Grandmother's Night Cap." Please tell me its name?—S. H. C., Ariz.

A. Will some reader please answer, on a card to me, as I cannot place the flower.—EDITOR.

Q. What can be done to Roses when the leaves begin to fall, and the flowers bud and do not bloom?—W. F., Ill.

A. Transplant to a sunny situation; in Spring cut back to six inches, and work in a tablespoonful of bone meal around each plant; mulch this Winter with strawy manure.—EDITOR.

Q. What is the matter with my Begonias? They were fine, but the last week leaves have been dropping off. I can find no insects or worms.—A. C., Pa.

A. Keep them warm and moist; a change to cool weather causes the leaves to drop.—EDITOR.

Q. My Staphylea is in healthy growing condition, but the buds blight.—C. G., Wis.

A. It should be kept moist and in partial shade.—EDITOR.

Q. When I lifted my Gladiolus bulbs I found a number of little bulbs around them. What shall I do with them?—S. M. G.

A. These are Gladiolus bulblets; rub them off, and keep them in a cool, rather moist cellar, where they will neither dry out nor freeze. In Spring sow them like garden peas, and they will increase in size and in the following year will bloom.—EDITOR.

Q. How long will it be after sowing seed of Begonia before I can distinguish the varieties?—L. T., Ark.

A. In from eight to ten weeks, when they should be in flower.—EDITOR.

Q. When is the best time to set out Paeonies, Fall or Spring?—E. C., Iowa.

A. August to September.—EDITOR.

Q. My Geranium slips start to decay below the surface, and it gradually extends upward until the slips die. I pulled one up and found two tiny, white worms, busy at the bottom. What shall I do?—J. C., Wash.

A. No one knows the reason; State Horticultural inspectors are endeavoring to overcome it. Try fresh soil. EDITOR.

Q. What is the best way to treat live plants received by mail? How deep should they be planted?—A. B., Iowa.

A. Unwrap package, dip in water, and pot at once or keep in wet soil until potted. Partly fill pot and then set plant, spreading the roots; complete filling so that roots will be covered from two to three inches, and keep in the house until rooted and growing.—EDITOR.

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Q. My Frau Karl Druschky is a fine, healthy bush but it does not bloom. Why? **W. C. S., N. H.**

A. Next Spring prune it severely, and, with a spade, cut the roots off all around a foot out from the stem, and stir in two table-spoonfuls of bone meal.—**EDITOR.**

Q. My Holly has a sort of fungus growth on the under side of the leaves. Is this natural or disease? The pot is filled with roots, some of them coming through the bottom; should it be repotted and when?—**C. E. B., Md.**

A. Repot at once, and wash plant thoroughly with whale oil soap, purchasable at any drug store.—**EDITOR.**

Q. Are there two varieties of Clivia, a tall and dwarf?—**G. W. B., N. Y.**

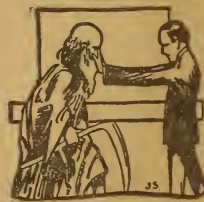
A. No, they are all one and a half feet tall.—**EDITOR.**

Q. Please tell me what to do for the plants in my greenhouse, they seem to be dying of too much moisture.—**N. C., N. C.**

A. Much depends on what they are, ventilate, and do not water for awhile.—**EDITOR.**

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Q. Last year my bed of large Dutch Hyacinths were all pink excepting two, which were purple; this year they are all purple excepting two pink ones. Is there a reason for this or is it a freak of Nature?—J. P. R., Ala.

A. This is a difficult question to answer, and it may irritate my correspondent to know that such a thing is impossible, a Hyacinth once pink is always pink, just as surely as a white girl is always white. The shade may vary somewhat, but the color never.—EDITOR

Q. My Asters turn white and the buds blight when partially formed. Please give me cause and remedy.—M. A. G., Maine.

A. Probably root lice. Pull out the affected ones and water the balance with tobacco water, made by soaking tobacco stems in hot water; let it cool before watering. Or work in a teaspoonful of tobacco dust around each plant. Next season plant Asters somewhere else, or, if you must use the same soil, drop a teaspoonful of tobacco dust to the bottom of the hole, and set the plant on it.—EDITOR.

Q. How long from seed sowing before Tuberosus-rooted Begonias bloom?—L. T., Ark.

A. Six to seven months.—EDITOR.

Q. How old must a White Lilac be before it blooms?—A. L. Texas.

A. Three years.—EDITOR.

Q. Why do my Geraniums drop their bottom leaves? They are over a year old, and have never bloomed.—S. E. W., Mo.

A. If outdoors hot, dry weather will affect them this way; so will shade in the house. They need a warm, sunny situation and to be regularly watered.—EDITOR.

Q. How often should Tulips in pots be watered before blooming?—F. L. F., Mich.

A. Soak when first potted. If set in cellar to root, water thoroughly two or three times should they dry out, not otherwise.—EDITOR.

Q. My Jerusalem Cherry is in healthy condition and blooms freely, but the flowers fall off before the cherries form.—L. J., Ill.

A. This is sometimes the case with plants grown from seed. Water thoroughly with liquid manure, and keep warm to produce vigorous, continuous growth. Set outdoors in Summer.—EDITOR.

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